VISITORS PROGRAMME

I. Incoming Visitors

ICCR received 34 eminent persons from Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, • Egypt, Syria, Jordan, & Afghnistan.

2. Outgoing Visitors

ICCR arranged visit by 3 eminent persons to Malaysia & Bangladesh.

PRESENTATION OF BOOKS

ICCR through our Missions in Ankara and Cairo presented 151 books of which three books were presented to eminent personalities by Indian Ambassador in Ankara & 148 books on various aspects of India were presented to University of Cairo.

EXHIBITIONS

Outgoing Exhibition

An exhibition of Indian photographs titled "My Land My People' was put up in Cairo and Beirut and other towns in Lebanon July-Sept, 1993.

PERPOSALS FOR 1994-95

PERFORMING ARTS

1 Incoming Performing Arts

ICCR proposes to host the festival ""Arts of Bangladesh" in the second half of 1994.

***2.* Outgoing Performing Arts**

ICCR proposes to send 5 troupes in the financial year 1994-95 on a performance tour of Bangladesh, Maldives, Pakistan, Syria, Turkey, UAE, Bahrain, Qatar. Yemen and Uganda.

VISITORS PROGRAMME

1. Incoming Visitors

ICCR proposes to host two scholars from Bangladesh; Mr. Bulent Ecevit — Chairman of the Democratic Left Party and former Prime Minister of Turkey; one scholar from Kazakhstan and Prof. John Ssebuwufa, Vice Chancellor, Makerere University, Uganda. In all ICCR will receive 5 scholars.

2. Outgoing Visitotrs

ICCR peroposes to send one Qari to visit Bangladesh to participate at the International Qirat Conference.

PRESENTATION OF BOOKS

Presentation of books to institutions/ universities would be done on receipt of requests from our Missions abroad.

Closure of Indian Consulate in Karachi

3854. SHRI PRAMODMAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Consulate in Karachi is
being closed;

(b) if so, what are the facts and reasons therefore;

(c) what will be implications and disadvantages of closure of the said Consulate;
and

(d) how do the Government propose to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L.BHATIA): (a) No, Sir

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

NATO and Western Military Presence in Indian Ocean

3855. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state in view of the claim by the Western Power that the " Cold War' has ended; whether Government have ever questioned the rationale of the continuation of NATO in general or Western military precence in Diego Garcia islands in Indian Ocean in particular in its discussion with the United States, UK and other major western power ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): No, Sir. The Government have not, in its bilateral discussions with the United States, United Kingdom and other major western powers, questioned the rationale for